

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Sierkstra et al.

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 9, 2007 please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks and arguments** begin on page 7 of this document.